Social Security Scheme for Labourers

†1776. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to make a law for health facilities and social security scheme for the labours in unorganized sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO) : (a) to (c) The Government is working to enact 'Unorganised Sector Workers Bill, 2004' for the welfare of the unorganised sector workers in the country with the objective to regulate the employment and conditions of service and to provide for their safety, social security, health and welfare measures.The details of the draft Bill are at the stage of consultation with the concerned authorities.

Indo-US Indus Project

1777. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and USA, in co-operation with the ILO, has launched a US $ 40 million Indo-US Indus project very recently;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of the project;

(c) the details of hazardous industries that are going to be covered under this project; and

(d) the details of States that are going to be covered under this project?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project is to be implemented in 20 districts of the four States of Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and in the Union Territory of Delhi. The aims and objectives of the Indus Project are to ensure elimination of child labour in identified districts through effective convergence with the Department of Education.

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(c) The project proposes to eliminate child labour in all the hazardous occupations and processes including Hand-rolled bidi cigarettes; Brass ware including brass vases, planters, plates, dinner services,tea sets and other decorative objects; Hand made bricks, Fireworks, footwear (leather, rubber, plastics), Hand made locks; Hand dipped matches; Handbroken quarried stores; Hand blown glass bangles and Hand-spun, handloomed silk thread, yarn and fabric.

(b) The States that are covered under the Indus project are Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi.

Social security cover to workers

1778. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has recommended for introduction of a universal scheme for providing social security cover to all workers engaged in the informal and unorganized sectors; and

(b) if so,the details of the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO) : (a) and (b) The Planning Commission have so far not recommended for introduction of an universal scheme for providing social security cover to all workers engaged in the informal and unorganized sectors. However, in the Tenth Plan document, it has been stated that "A legislative and administrative framework has to be created for significant coverage of the unorganised sector by social security cover".

Invention of Tsunami Warning System

1779. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Experts have invented a Tsunami Warning System which would be operational in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it would start working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN